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MEMORANDUM ON H. J. CONNOLLY

Hugh Joseph Connolly was born in Birmingham, England, on September 12, 1901. He joined the 2nd Battalion, The Wiltshire Regiment, as a private soldier on October 11, 1920, and served with this regiment until December 11, 1929, when he was taken on the strength of the Municipal Police as Probationary Sergeant No. 381.

See D.R.O. File No 936 (Ex P.C)

On September 24, 1931, Connolly was dismissed the Force after appearing before the Commissioner of Police on charges of (1) Neglect of Duty, (2) Corrupt Practice, and (3) Neglect of Duty. In connection with this matter he was also charged in H.B.M.'s Police Court with Aiding and Abetting a Robbery but was acquitted owing to lack of corroborative evidence.

Four Chinese Constables, who were concerned with Connolly in the affair, were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from four months to five years.

Although Connolly was entitled to an indulgence passage to England he chose to remain in Shanghai.

During the local Sino-Japanese hostilities of 1932 he joined the Shanghai Volunteer Corps and was attached to Corps Headquarters where he acted as escort to motor cars. While serving in this capacity he was suspected of being concerned in the larceny of jewellery from a house off North Szechuen Road, but nothing was ever proved against him.

In March, 1933, Connolly applied for and was granted a boarding-house and restaurant licence in respect of No. 111, Range Road. It was later ascertained that apart from being the licensee he had no connection with the establishment, and that he had obtained the licence for the Chinese proprietor in order that the latter might obtain food and lodging. In April, 1934, he attempted to transfer the licence to No. 114, Range Road, but the transfer was

not recommended.

Apart from various odd jobs as a salesman Connolly has been unemployed since his dismissal from the Shanghai Municipal Police and he is reported to be in debt. His present address is 12-A, Barrack Road.